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TIMELY TOPICS

LABOR AND CRIME

The beginning of the end of the long drawn enquiry into the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building came the other day when James B. McNamara admitted that he blew up the building with dynamite, causing 21 deaths. His brother, John J. McNamara, who dynamited the Llewellyn Iron Works, is given 15 years in the penitentiary, while the former receives a life sentence. Needless to say, though these men declared they intended to advance the cause of labor and socialism, all true men of labor disown any such recourse to destruction of life and property.

The labor unions both in America and Canada called for the extreme penalty to be given these men for such dastardly acts, and while they have not forfeited their lives in the electrocution chair, they have the next thing to it. There certainly has been quite a strong tendency among socialistic and labor circles to strike against law and order occasionally. Possibly this happening will teach those very noble causes that they must base all their efforts on the solid rock of law, order and righteousness.

DO NOT SAVE THE KING

We regret to learn that there are signs that the visit of King George to India is not without danger. The magnificent pavilion in the Durbar Camp, with its magnificent silver supports and brilliant decorations, in which the King was to be received on his arrival there, has been destroyed by fire. Seeing that this is the second fire that has happened there recently, it looks as though some foul play is going on. This, however, is not to be wondered at, as India is a country of extremes. Extreme wealth and extreme poverty. There are many who are highly educated and many who have no education at all. There are great rulers and statesmen there, and there are those to whom any kind of rule is irksome. Sir Andrew Fraser, however, declares that India is intensely loyal, and but for occasional cranks, is a safe country for our King and Queen to visit. We admire the spirit of King George and Queen Mary in determining to visit these loyal subjects, and their intense desire to do them all the good that is possible.

WHEN AUTOS ARE A DANGER

The public would not say a word against automobiles if their drivers were only reasonable. It is when the mad craze for speed gets the upper hand of drivers that reason vanishes, then automobiles become a positive danger and a menace to all alike who are unfortunate enough to be in their way. Very few horses, even if they have become accustomed to the automobile, care to have one come dashing up behind so recklessly as to pass within a foot of the wagon or buggy wheel. Yet we have seen this happen, and there has been yards of room for the auto, and yards to spare. The country driver is often the victim

of these scares, and his horses, less accustomed to the mad pacing of the autos, are more likely to be scared. Public opinion is being aroused in regard to this nuisance. It is time owners of autos took warning and listened to reason.

HAIL INSURANCE—IS IT A GOOD THING?

Some men who have escaped its ravages for years say it is no good. Others who have fallen upon its kind offices have said that it does not go far enough. Surely the farmers should be able to give some united decision on this matter. It is a matter on which farmers should contribute for mutual benefit, and the legislature should stand by them in case of a loss. More unity among the farmers is still needed. Let them decide what they want and then go in for it. It seems only just and right that districts which are fortunate enough to escape hail should be willing to contribute their portion toward assisting those districts which are hard hit. There is this about it—No farmer can say that he will not need the assistance of insurance next year. He may be the very one who will need it. It certainly should be a great help to the farmer and a safeguard to the country.

THE LEGISLATURE

Railroads and good roads have been main arteries of traffic, sums up the bill of the provincial legislature has put before the province. Liberal papers declare that the government is strong, and that Mr. Sifton simply played the feeble opposition, while the Conservative papers declare that Mr. Mitfords the government hip and thigh. We wonder which is the true account, or if either is true? The province needs railroads bad enough in some parts, and a million dollars is not too much to spend upon rural roads. Not only should money be spent on rural roads, but we think it should be spent wisely and fairly. Much money in the past has literally been squandered, and the community that has given the strongest political pull has received the greatest consideration.

QUERY

Are the Dominion post offices the property of a particular political party? or are they the property of the state, for the convenience of the state? It seems incredible that postmasters should be dismissed simply because they are of a different mind politically to the party in power. Surely Canada is not the free country we thought it was, or else the reports we have read were unfounded.

The Boy Problem

There are a large number of rules for making a man out of a boy. Unfortunately, all provisions and formulas fail at times. Boys are not run into moulds. They grow, in spite of parents, teachers, police forces and municipalities. There is usually a struggle going on between the boy and one or more of these other forces.

Fisk, one of the best known authorities on the problem of adolescence, states that "every boy is a double"; that is, he is two boys under the same hat; he lives life on two distinct planes, which are more or less incongruous. There is his polite life, which is controlled by social conditions. He eats with his fork at the family table, wears collars and cuffs, washes his

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On Thursday, the 21st, School Inspector Sanson will lecture before the bible class. He would like to have present all who have any ideas for the good of school conditions in Cayley district.

There will be a meeting of the Local Imp. council in the Cayley hall on Monday, the 18th inst. All meetings are open to all ratepayers of the district, or any person having any business with the Board.

Monday, Christmas night, is the night fixed for the annual appearance of Santa Claus. All the children in the world are coming, that is, all that can come. That being the case, perhaps the grown-up had better stay at home.

A quiet wedding took place at High River on Saturday, when Mr. Geo. Walker and Miss Mary Duccoman were united in marriage. We have not been able to ascertain any further particulars, but the Husler extends hearty congratulations.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, secretary of the Alberta branch of the Bible Society, was in Cayley on Thursday evening. He found that the Executive were making the best of plans for this season. On Sunday the ministers preached in the interests of the work.

The threshing outfits are working day and night during this salubrious weather. Given two or three weeks longer of this kind of weather and threshing will be pretty well completed in this district. The yields are averaging 40 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre.

The following delegation from here attended the Conservative convention at High River on Friday last: J. C. Slater, B. G. Widdup, Chas. Brown and J. Cohen. The choice of the convention fell to Dr. Stanley of High River as the standard bearer of the party in this constituency.

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In the division court at Calgary on Friday last, before Judge Carpenter, the court gave reserved judgment in the case of G. W. Wickens, who appealed against a judgment of Mr. Justice Beck, who tried an action of slander at Macleod in November, 1910, brought by the plaintiff against James McConkey. At the trial his lordship dismissed the action.

In addition to the studies of Sunday and Thursday, the Organized Bible Class is arranging a series of interesting evenings for this winter. Every Thursday night the doors of the hall will be open at 7 o'clock, when checkers and all other games will be found. At 8.30 there will be bible study, and at 9 o'clock debates, etc. For this week it was felt that the less serious the subject, the better for a beginning, so the following was the selection: "Resolved, that the cash system is better than the credit system." Those appointed for the affirmative are Messrs. Johnson, Bradley, and Scragg; and for the negative Messrs. Durham, J. Elves and Lyall. Mr. Barnes was appointed judge.

The sermon subject at the Presbyterian hall on Sunday will be as follows: 11 a.m., "Witnessing for Christ," and at 7.30 p.m., "The First Lost." At 10.15, the bible school will meet. The bible class that met at this hour in the past will continue its course on the History of the Jews after their return from captivity. This class has become organized, and in addition, is taking up the Book of Ruth, when the members of the class will be given an opportunity to state what course will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elves, Sr., of Southampton, Ont., left for home last Thursday morning. They have spent the last three months with their sons here and at Vulcan. R. Elves of Vulcan came in to Cayley, also Herb from Edmonton, and spent a few days with their parents. E. S. Elves has arranged to meet them in Winnipeg, where they will spend Christmas, after which they proceed to Southampton, Ont. where J. S. spends will also spend New Year's at the old home with his parents.

The Bible Class held its first regular meeting on Thursday night. The crowd was not large, but those there voted it a success. The doors opened at 7 o'clock, and after a period with chess, etc. a business meeting was held. After the minutes and reports, the vice-president, Miss Lobban, who was in the chair for the evening, conducted a spelling match, the sides of which were captained by the local ministers. Rev. Mr. Mann's side won quite easily, but was because he had Mr. Slater on his side. After the best of refreshments the meeting closed.

THE BOY PROBLEM

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Useless in this world. There is constant battle between these two conditions, and the time must come when the road will be cleared, and the venter of civilization will meet the rougher qualities of the savage instinct of the boy half way, allowing him to develop a spirit of manly independence, a love for the natural things of life, and at the same time teach him regard for the gentler things which are required in our present civilization. The only way in which this can be accomplished will be through patience with the boy and a faith in the boy's mother. This is the starting point of a boy's life; it is the key to his strange fickleness. He is the despair of his mother. This peculiar storm centre of the healthy young animal life causes worry and pain to the female portion of his relations. He is called a "dirty young scamp," and likely as not finds life most unpleasant for himself in the house, particularly if he has one or more older sisters who have reached the age where they

are beginning to show an interest in young men. It should be remembered that the boy at this stage is an unfinished product, and should be regarded as such. Boy life is complex. Boy thoughts are usually settled by an unexplainable logic of his own. Boy feelings are changeable, fickle and mercurial. Boy actions often seem inconsistent and baffling, until it is discovered that the inconsistency is due to the fact of duality of boy nature.

The boy problem is one which every home and every municipality is facing. The boy must be provided for during his growing time of life, must be subdued sufficiently to keep clean and wholesome in his life and in his home, and he must be taught to regard the authorities of the municipality in which it is his misfortune to live with due respect. If the municipality or the home is going to control the savage in the boy and to make him into a kindly man, it is absolutely necessary that the savage should be allowed to have its fling undisturbed, in order that the white man in the boy can later be developed.

It should be remembered that if a boy is deprived of the rollicking, romping, boyish instincts of a healthy young animal, he is quite likely to grow up to be a nobody, without a place or ambition in the world. Volumes could be written of the pranks and healthy, growing animal spirits of the boyhood days of the men who are now the leaders of the world in any of the various departments. If the future citizens are worth considering, homes, municipalities, conventions and all other things must be built to mould these boys, the destiny of the future of this old world.

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